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Sir:

More than one year before the filing date of the instant application, a rudimentary predecessor system to the inventive system disclosed and claimed in the instant application was offered for sale. The rudimentary system comprised a

centralized database for storing and, at an authorized user's request, downloading digital data such as digital images. To identify just a few of the significant features of the inventive system which were not present in the predecessor system, applicants note that the predecessor system did not accept or compile job orders, did not include a routing mechanism for routing compiled job orders to user defined locations, and did not include a mechanism to permit user defined compression of data stored on the central database as disclosed in the instant application.


No representation is made as to the completeness of the enclosed list, nor is the submission of the enclosed items of information an admission that they are prior art or relevant to the invention.

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An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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